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DEATH.

On December 2nd, of broncho-pneumonia and heart failure, T. J. Lee, Durley Park Bath. [165]

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LONDON OFFICE: 131, FLEET STREET, EC**The Daily Press.**

HONGKONG, JANUARY 8TH, 1912.

SIR ROBERT FULTON, a retired Indian Judge, who, for a brief period a few years ago had a seat on the Viceroy's Council, has suggested in *The Times* that it would be easy, in view of the present upheaval in China, to arrange that Tibet should be an independent State under the joint protection of Great Britain and China, to be interfered with internally by neither. Presumably this suggestion is prompted by the fact that Tibet, at the present time, is in a state of turmoil. Advantage has been taken of the revolution in China to raise the standard of independence in the same way as the Mongols have done. Reports from Mongolia tell us that the declaration of the independence of the territory was made by the untitled chiefs under the spiritual representative of the DALAI LAMA. Now, inasmuch as Russian influence is bound to become paramount in Mongolia, an inquiry is suggested as to how far that influence is likely to extend. We used to hear a great deal about Russian influence being a disturbing factor in Tibet, but if affairs in Mongolia develop along the lines suggested, there can be no doubt that we shall be hearing a great deal more about the political influence of Russia in Tibet, working through the spiritual representative of the DALAI LAMA, who has

become head of the State of Mongolia. Sir FRANCIS YOUNGHusband, who, since his march to Lhasa, has written a great deal on the subject of political relations with Tibet, has frequently expressed the opinion that Great Britain has no longer any cause to fear imminent Russian influence in Tibet. He has based this opinion not only upon Russia's own assurance that she has no intention or desire to interfere politically in Tibet, but also upon the fact that the whole set of her policy since the war with Japan has been towards Eastern Europe rather than India. Whatever may be the present intentions or desires of Russia, it is but reasonable to suppose that if Russia succeeds in Mongolia in establishing cordial political relations with the priesthood, the effect of her influence is sure to extend to Lhasa. The case for the independence of Tibet on the lines suggested by Sir ROBERT FULTON, however, may be put in the words used by Sir FRANCIS YOUNGHusband in his book on "India and Tibet": "It is impossible to leave the Tibetans alone, however much we might like to. If, then, a relationship of some kind has to subsist between India and Tibet, what we clearly want is that that relationship should be as harmonious as possible. We want to buy the Tibetans' wool, and to sell them our tea and cotton goods. And, apart from questions of trade, we want to feel sure that there is no imminent influence growing up in Tibet which might cause disturbance on our frontier. That is the sum total of our wants. The trade is not of much value in itself, but, such as it is, it is worth having. We have no interest in annexing Tibet, and we have definitely declared against either annexation or protectorate; but we most certainly do want quiet there and the removal of any influence which would cause disquiet. Disorder begets disorder. When Lhasa is uneasy, Nepal and Bhutan are restless. What we want, then, is orderliness in Tibet, and some means of preventing disorder from ever arising." There are no means that we can see which are an improvement on the proposal made by Sir ROBERT FULTON.

H.M.S. Kent and the River destroyers Iris, Willard, and Ribble are expected here on Monday.

The Hon. Mr. Rees Davies, Attorney-General, returned to Hongkong on Saturday by the English mail.

The Institution of Engineers and Ship-builders of Hongkong are giving a dance at the City Hall on Friday.

Sir H. S. Berkeley was among the guests present at the annual dinner of the Borneo Co., held in London last month.

The *Gazette* announces that by command of the H.E. the Governor an election of two members to the Sanitary Board, will take place in the City Hall on the 19th inst. to fill the vacancies caused by the resignation of Mr. Shelton Hooper and the expiration of Dr. Fitzwilliams' term of office.

The Children's Entertainment at the Theatre Royal on Thursday next promises to be a great success. Seats may be booked at Mourie's. Some of the items on the programme will be presented at the Variety Entertainment on Saturday, 13th January. Elaborate preparations have been made for the Grand Harlequinade, and the transformation scene will be truly beautiful.

During last year, according to the return published in the *Gazette*, 21 samples of milk, six each of beer and brandy, four of whisky, three of gin, two of rum and one of port were examined in Hongkong under the Sale of Food and Drugs Ordinance. All were genuine excepting two of brandy and one of milk, which were adulterated.

The captain, officers and crew of the East Asiatic Co.'s steamer *Chakrabongse*, which trades under the Siamese flag, between Singapore and East Coast ports, arrived in Singapore last week. Their own ship they had abandoned as apparently total wrecks on the jagged rocks of Pulo Lantang, and the crew had had a terrible experience.

The local takings on the British section of the Kowloon-Canton Railway amounted to \$1,615.60, made up of \$9,144.89 in coaching and \$319.07 in goods. Through traffic was only maintained from the 1st to the 7th, the takings being \$3,816.66, all of which, save \$13.97, comprised coaching. The total takings since the opening of the British section amount to \$165,607.77. The total numbers of passengers carried up till now is 364,874.

It is announced that a special express service about to be established between Far Eastern and European points over the Russian railways is particularly for the quick delivery of Japanese silk in Germany and certain German fancy goods in the Far East. Imports of nearly all lines of light and valuable goods from Europe through Asiatic Russia are on the increase both in China and in Japan.

Yesterday was observed by the Chinese in Hongkong as a holiday in celebration of the adoption of the Western calendar by the Revolutionary Government. Most shops were closed and revolutionary flags were hung in great profusion in the principal streets.

CANTON.

CANTON, January 5th.

A DISCUSSION OF THE SITUATION.

A representative meeting of people who have been helping the new Government financially and of the interested merchants was held yesterday in the "Bank Club," to consider the question of the army and of maintaining order in the province. The meeting was a thoroughly businesslike one and the subjects of debate matters which immediately concern the populace. The maintaining of strict discipline among the "Volunteers" and the suppression of robbers and pirates, of course, were the most important matters discussed. The meeting was entirely sympathetic with the Government and willing to give substantial financial support on the understanding that these two points would receive all the attention of the authorities. Mr. Luk Lan Ching, the commander of a section of the Volunteers, said that discipline in the ranks was quite good and improving every day; and that they were being very successful in rooting out the robbers. Of course the difficulty in a time like this is that not only have you to deal with the regular bands of brigands, but also crowds of roughs who take the present unsettled state of affairs as a good opportunity for enriching themselves at the expense of others. The mere fact of the situation being garrisoned in the way it was at this meeting, and the things which require looking after being recognised, shows that the Government is determined not to sit still and allow the power to go out of their hands.

SHAMEEN.

This morning there arrived reinforcements for the defence of the island in the event of trouble two companies of the Baluchistan troops to the number of 170. These are being quartered on a vacant piece of ground at the west end of the island next to the Masonic Club, where tents have been erected. Also two fifteen-pounder guns and a team of gunners have arrived and a twelve-pounder gun has been landed from H.M.S. *Cho*. The barbed wire entanglements are almost finished and the whole place presents the appearance of an island under siege. Sandbags have been piled up at the end of each road facing the native city to form a protection for maxim crews. All morning the Indian troops have been marching backwards and forwards along the middle avenue and the whole place presents a very picturesque appearance. Some of the contractors and merchants in the city are bringing their valuables into the concession again; but this may not exactly mean that trouble is brewing; it may simply be the reaction caused by the action being taken on the concession.

Last night repeated firing was heard in the city from Shameen; but no news of any trouble whatsoever is to hand, and it may just have been some foolishness among officers or men in firing salutes or something of the kind. This sort of thing will have to stop, and that quickly, or it may easily lead to complications when so many troops are quartered on Shameen. During the last salute-firing at the time of Sun Yat Sen's election a shot went through the awning of one of the gunboats in the river and struck the side. Letting off firearms at any time is a dangerous proceeding, and just now, when excitement is at fever heat it is doubly so. A stray shot killing a foreigner, when absolutely no harm was meant might mean the intervention of the Powers. Far too much freedom is being given even to the rank and file, and so far as one can find out the order seems to be, shoot anyone and at any time you think fit.

EUROPEAN KILLED ON THE PEAK TRAMLINE.

Last night a bluejacket, belonging to H. M. S. *Astraea*, was killed on the Peak tramline just below Plantation Road station. Presumably, the man was walking down the line when he was overtaken by the 9.45 car, which ran over him, and his right leg was practically severed. He was picked up in a dying condition and taken to the lower station whence he was removed to the Dockyard. This, we believe, is the first fatality on the line during the twenty-three years of its existence.

REINFORCEMENTS FOR MACAO.

A transport arrived at Macao on Friday bringing 300 troops (Landins) and a small European artillery contingent from Africa. Another transport is expected to-day bringing a similar number of Indian troops, making 600 in all. The transport bringing the Africans anchored and the troops landed about 5 o'clock fully armed and marched to the Sta. Clara covent, which has been converted into a barracks for their accommodation.

The German military authorities are introducing wireless stations mounted on automobiles, in which the motor will also work the dynamo. The station can be fixed up in 25 minutes.

TELEGRAMS.

THROUGH BRUTER'S AGENCY.

TIE REVOLUTION.

AIMS OF THE REPUBLICANS.

A Shanghai telegram states that the Republicans, in a long manifesto to all friendly nations, recite their grievances against the Manchus, and declare the determination of the Republic to respect all treaties, loans and obligations entered into by the Manchus with foreigners prior to the Revolution. The Republic will, however, repudiate all others. The future aim of the Government is to reform the laws and the administration of the finances so as to promote the prosperity of the whole country, abolish restrictions on trade, ensure religious toleration, and promote better relations with foreign Powers, to whose support the Republic appeals.

MANCHU OFFICIALS EXECUTED.

Reuter's Peking correspondent reports that Consular telegrams received from Chungking state that the Revolutionaries executed His Excellency Chao Erh Feng, the Viceroy of Szechuan, and the Imperialist General Tien on the 20th December.

THE POWERS IN CHINA.

A Peking telegram states that the Powers have occupied the railway line from Peking to the sea, in accordance with a plan recently decided, and that foreign residents are gratified at this demonstration.

PROJECTED MINERS' STRIKE.

BIGGEST ON RECORD.

LONDON, January 6th.

The newspapers state that the ballot of miners in Great Britain next week will be practically unanimous in favour of a strike on March 1st, to establish the principle of a minimum wage.

Mr. William Abraham, M.P. for Glamorgan ("Mabon"), in a letter to the miners, warns the men of the dire calamity of a strike involving a million men. All losses in the past, he says, will be a flea bite compared with it. It will be the biggest struggle the country ever experienced, and will be a great opportunity for the Americans to export coal to Great Britain.

ANGLO-AMERICAN ARBITRATION.

LONDON, January 6th.

Reuter's Washington correspondent reports that many Senators who were formerly opposed to the Arbitration Treaties in their present form are now inclined to accept them with an amendment suggested by Mr. Root excluding the Monroe doctrine, the control of immigration and the infestation of the United States from the scope of arbitration.

London, January 6th.

The New South Wales Government has intimated that Government House at Sydney will not be available for the Governor-General after June 20th. Lord Denman, in a memorandum, says it will be impossible to reside in Sydney after the date named, and points out that in the event of the King or the Prince of Wales visiting Australia they would wish to entertain in Sydney, but another suitable house cannot be found.

The Premier, Mr. Fisher, says Lord Denman's is the proper and dignified course to take, and adds that if Imperial politics had been clearer possibly the King would have extended his Indian tour to Australia.

ANGLO-AUSTRALIAN CRICKET.

LONDON, January 6th.

Dull, showery weather marked the opening of the match between the M.C.C. and Geelong to-day. The attendance was small and the wicket in good condition. The Geelong team won the toss, but sent their opponents to the wickets first. M.C.C. made 285 for the loss of eight wickets and then declared. Mead was responsible for 65, the result of free cricket, his score including a six and seven 4's. Gunn compiled 51.

At the close of the day's play Geelong had lost two wickets for 41 runs.

LATER.

The match was continued in cool weather and on an excellent wicket. The attendance was good. Geelong fifteen scored 277, Liddicutt contributing a chanceless 129. His defense was good. Marylebone lost four wickets for 118, and the match was drawn.

TELEGRAMS.

THROUGH BRUTER'S AGENCY.

BRITISH IMPORTS AND EXPORTS.

LONDON, January 6th.

The decrease in the imports for December amounted to £4,107,447, and the increase in the exports to £1,147,769, the latter being principally in iron and steel manufactures. The increases for the twelve months were: Imports, £2,302,151; exports, £23,897,688. The export of cotton goods increased by £1,197,522. The increase in the December exports was also contributed to by ships, railway materials, motor cars, and cycles, but the export of cotton goods decreased by £26,000; wool by £378,000, and electrical goods by £38,000.

SIAM-OFFICIAL ARRESTED.

LONDON, January 7th.

Paul de Busock, a journalist and formerly an official in Siam, has been arrested on a cable from Singapore and brought up at Bow Street. He was charged on commitment to the Indian police, with receiving stolen jewellery. The jewels, which were valued at £10,000, belonged to the Dowager Queen of Siam, who ordered them in London. They were despatched to Bangkok, where they disappeared. Busock was remanded.

According to the evidence of the police Busock, when arrested, said he gave two pearls to a bookmaker named Cohen at Singapore in payment of a debt, not knowing they were stolen. He gave them quite openly, taking a receipt for them. He claimed, before consulting a solicitor, to say where he got them.

DOCUMENTS STOLEN FROM CRUISER.

LONDON, January 6th.

Reuter's correspondent at Berlin reports that the safe of the first officer of the cruiser *Stettin* has been broken into and secret documents stolen. A reward has been offered.

THE "KUALA" WRECK.

LONDON, January 6th.

The Foreign Office, in replying to the representatives of the Imperial Merchant Service Guild, on behalf of the steamer *Kuala*, which was wrecked off Socotra in November last, says that the application should have first been made to the India Government, as Socotra is not in British territory. The representations will be forwarded for inquiry.

CLEGGYMAN CONFESSES MURDER.

LONDON, January 7th.

Telegrams from Boston state that the Baptist Pastor Richeson, who was reported in the newspapers in October to have been arrested on a charge of murdering a girl to whom he had been engaged but whom he gave up in favour of another, the daughter of wealthy parents, has confessed to having committed the deed. He says that his conscience will not admit him to further wrongdoing by a public trial her whose pure young life he has destroyed. He adds that he wishes to live in order that within prison walls he may redeem his sinful past and help some other despairing soul, and in this way to find favour with God.

Richeson attempted to commit suicide by cutting his throat in prison on the 20th ult. with the handle of a drinking cup.

ARISTOCRATIC ENGAGEMENT.

LONDON, January 7th.

Lord Stafford has become engaged to Elsie Lanesborough Hazen, daughter of Lord Butler.

THE CANADIAN NAVY.

LONDON, January 7th.

The Canadian Minister for Marine is coming to London to confer with the Admiralty.

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RANDOM REFLECTIONS.

The first week of 1912 has passed and we are becoming accustomed to writing the new figures.

The weather on New Year's Day was ideal. When people write home to their relatives describing the brilliant sunshine and the genial atmospheric conditions which brought out white clothes for the occasion, the good folks will doubtless conclude that Hongkong must be a most delectable place in which to live. And so it is. Certainly the New Year's Day here, despite its absence of traditional seasonal conditions, is much more pleasant than ever it can be at home, with its dull skies and biting blasts. This is one of the many facts which should be remembered when we are inclined to talk about ourselves as exiles.

Last week when writing on the subject of holidays I mentioned the possibility of the Chinese adopting the Gregorian calendar which would entail the disappearance of that favoured holiday, China New Year, but which would remove much of the awkwardness and inconvenience due to calculations and arrangements having to be made on two systems. I expressed the belief that the new republic would undoubtedly give a slip to the proposition to change the Western calendar and confirmation of this anticipation comes from Canton whence it is reported that the Government have decided to adopt the Western calendar at once. Of course it will take some time for the community to reconcile itself to the altered conditions, but it is satisfactory to know that a commencement has been made with a reform which is urgently necessary if China is to make any real advance.

From the point of view of the foreign merchant and trader, Chinese holidays are somewhat of a nuisance, interrupting the routine of business, though it must be confessed that China New Year has won its way into the regard of most foreigners. It comes as a pleasant break between the New Year and Easter. On the other hand, the general suspension of business at that time is regretted. Possibly the day will always be recognized as a holiday, but the Chinese will doubtless come into line with the foreigners in balancing their books at the end of December and seeking to begin afresh in every department with the dawn of January.

If any Europeans regret the disappearance of the queen it must be the members of the police force, who are deprived of the means of obtaining a firm hold of a slippery prisoner. In the olden days a policeman might be seen conducting two or more offenders to the lockup and public opinion in this matter. Moreover, they must have been lucky to have escaped the attention of hot-headed young bloods who perambulate in gangs ready to forcibly cut off a queue if it is overruled by the power of the law.

Knowing the almost general republican spirit which prevails among the Chinese and the unanimity with which they have discarded the "badge of subjection to alien rulers," it is surprising to discover on the streets an occasional queue. Their owners must be intensely stubborn and very courageous to withstand public opinion in this matter. Moreover, they must have been lucky to have escaped the attention of hot-headed young bloods who perambulate in gangs ready to forcibly cut off a queue if it is overruled by the power of the law.

And so we are likely to have the privilege of exercising the franchise again. The election of members to fill the two vacancies on the membership of the Sanitary Board on January 19th ought to provide a little excitement, and those who have never had the opportunity of voting since they left home will perhaps feel that they have some small say in local government when they proceed to the City Hall and make their crosses opposite the names of their choice.

Hongkong has not been overlooked in the New Year Honours and recognition has at length been bestowed on the Hon. Mr. E. A. Howett, who has given freely of his time and talents to the public service both in Shanghai and Hongkong. Everybody will agree that he deserves the honour, and most people will go further in declaring that nothing short of a title should have been conferred on such a worthy citizen.

The revolt of the boys in the Hongkong Club is one of these local events which provide some pabulum for gossip. At first it seemed as if the boys had risen in general revolt against the now uniform which had been issued for them, but the dissatisfaction, if not confined to a few, was only expressed by a few, who, as the ringleaders, found themselves haled before the Magistrate to answer a charge of disobeying lawful orders. The new uniform cannot be described as unseemly, and the objection of the boys to wearing it is, perhaps due to the inherent dislike of the Chinese to change and innovation. I understand they are to wear gloves when waiting at table.

This is an improvement which should be welcomed by all, as there are hands and fingers which are not beautiful to the eye. In this connection I am reminded of the story told of the American girl who was handed ice by a negro waiter. She looked at them and then declared that she would "take that chocolate Deli's passengers."

The Royal party have as yet made no plans, as much depends upon the possibility of obtaining their luggage from the Deli, and they will probably remain here a day or two.

RODERICK RANDOM.

THE WRECK OF THE "DELHI."

FULL NARRATIVE OF THE PRINCESS ROYAL'S EXCITING EXPERIENCE
(BY "THE TIMES" CORRESPONDENT.)

TANGERI, Dec. 13.—The P. and O. liner *Delta* ran ashore at an early hour this morning some three miles south of Cape Spartel. The night was very black and stormy with strong westerly winds and torrential rains. It was about 2 a.m. when the vessel struck and the passengers, amongst whom were the Princess Royal, the Duke of Fife, and the Princesses Alexandra and Maud, were immediately summoned to the deck saloon. They had not time even to dress, and some were in night-dresses with such coats as they could pick up in the hurry of the moment. The vessel took a list shortly after striking, and the water entered the lower cabins.

Meanwhile, news had reached Tangier and the French cruiser *Friant* proceeded to the scene of the wreck. The sea was running very high, and there was considerable difficulty in communicating with the ship. Some women and children, however, were transhipped safely to the warship *London* and the *Duke of Edinburgh*, which had arrived from Gibraltar meanwhile.

An accident to the *Friant's* wireless caused this transhipment to be abandoned, and I regret to have to relate that in saving British passengers in a dangerous sea three French sailors of the *Friant* lost their lives, being washed into the sea and drowned.

THE RESCUE OF THE ROYAL PARTY.

Owing to the heavy sea that was running the naval authorities decided that the Princess Royal and her party must be landed on the shore, as that course would be less dangerous than transhipment. Shortly before 11 o'clock her Royal Highness with the Princesses Alexandra and Maud and the Duke of Fife went on board a boat belonging to the cruiser *Duke of Edinburgh*, accompanied by Rear-Admiral Cradock. Very considerably fatigued was experienced in getting into the boat, and the ladies had literally to be dropped and caught. When the boat was still some way from the shore the breakers began to fill her, in spite of the fact that the Duke and others bailed as hard as possible. While the boat was still some distance from the beach she filled and sank. The whole party were wearing lifebelts, and they floated to the surface of the water, where they were terribly buffeted by the waves. Princess Alexandra disappeared for a moment under the sea. However, after great efforts had received attention at the French Legation they were able to give the above account of the wreck.

The British sailors by means of the rocket apparatus rigged up a life-line between the land and the ship, and all the women were landed.

THE FRENCH SEAMEN.

(BY REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.)

TANGERI, Dec. 13.—There was no panic, and lifebelts were served out to the passengers. It was a terrible night. Enormous waves broke over the vessel, and the spray reached to the tops of the masts. The ship, buffeted by the seas, soon began to drift broadside on to the shore. The *Friant* was the first to arrive on the scene. She put out a launch, which succeeded in towing to the *Duke of Edinburgh*, which had arrived in the meantime, a boat full of women and children. The second officer of the *Friant* made a second attempt at rescue, in spite of the increasing roughness of the sea, but the launch, tossed about by the waves, filled with water, and its fires were put out. The man at the helm of the launch disappeared, and she was driven ashore. Nothing daunted, the survivors pumped out the water, relit the fires, and set to sea again, but a wave broke over the little vessel, and it capsized. Two more men were drowned in trying to reach the shore. The second officer and four men were able to gain the beach and reached Tangier on foot. They were barefooted, and drenched and exhausted. The officer, who was utterly exhausted, had to roll himself in the hot ashes from the fires of the launch in order to revive himself, and then had to be left on the road. The little group of sailors missed their way, and they met on the way a squad of police, who, it is alleged, refused to give them horses. The party reached Tangier at 8 o'clock this evening, and after they had received attention at the French Legation

they were able to give the above account of the wreck.

The British sailors by means of the rocket apparatus rigged up a life-line between the land and the ship, and all the women were landed.

THE CHINESE DRAMA.

(ITS ORIGIN AND INFLUENCE.)

Lecturing before the China Society at the Caxton Hall, Dr. MacGowan expressed his belief that the origin of the Chinese drama lay in the puppet-shows which were still popular and practised with great skill in China, each performance of a play in the interior of the country being still prefaced by a puppet-show. The Chinese drama had two functions; first, the teaching of Chinese history to a people otherwise uneducated and chiefly unable to read; and, secondly, the provision of the sole amusement in monotonous and dreary lives, and the exercise of a good moral influence.

The Chinese actor was usually bought as a child from very poor parents by the owner of a troupe, and trained very severely to memorize the many plays which formed every repertory and were played without a prompter at a moment's notice, and to master the traditional attitudes and the mongrel Mandarin language in which the historical plays were spoken. Chinese actors were of low caste and frequently dissipated and opium-smokers, but very cheery and obliging. Shabby in themselves, they were quite transformed by the make-up and the gorgeous clothes they donned in full view of the public. A play was usually ordered in a Chinese village to celebrate the birthday of the god (who took a keen, if concealed, interest in the play) or of a man; and the man or the temple paid so that the play was free to the public, who made a holiday all day. Arriving in the early morning to the music of their shrill bagpipes, the actors took their pitch in the street, where no one less than a Mandarin might disturb them, and the play went on till sunset. The women's parts were played to perfection by men. The plots of two plays narrated by Dr. MacGowan. The *Third Son and the Fifth Daughter* and *Beauty*, helped to show the charm and good influence which he claimed for the Chinese drama.

The discussion which followed, and in which the chairman, Mr. William Archer, Mrs. Archibald Little, and others took part, helped to show that wide differences existed between the drama as it appeared in different parts of China, but all the speakers combined to praise the high qualities of Chinese acting and the excellent moral influence (with certain exceptions in the farces occasionally seen in the big towns) exercised by the drama.

REMARKABLE CHINESE CRUISER.

Under thus heading a London paper says:

The trials of the Chinese cruiser *Yin Swei*, built by Messrs. Vickers, Limited, at Barrow, have been successfully completed. This remarkable vessel was specially designed by her builders for the training of the officers of the Chinese Navy. She is fitted with a great variety of armament and machinery so as to enable officers and men to acquaint themselves with her mechanism and thus be able to manipulate similar features on light and heavy fighting ships.

She has two types of boilers, cylindrical and water tube, six different types of guns, duplicated auxiliary machinery of different designs, and she is strongly protected. On her full-power trial she attained 23½ knots and on her low-power trial with little more than one-fifth of the total horse-power during 24 hours' steaming, nearly 12½ knots. Her guns and torpedoes and her varied mechanism were tested on her trial with satisfactory results.

THE FOOD SUPPLY OF JAPAN.

A Consular report states that the population of Japan is increasing faster than the increased output of foodstuffs. The population of the country has been increasing at the rate of 1.2 per cent. per annum, so that at this rate the country's population will exceed 71,000,000 in 1937. The output of rice, the principal food-stuff of the Japanese, has also increased of late years, but the production of a normal year does not exceed 245,000,000 bushels, roughly, about five bushels per cap*ita* of the population.

It is evident that the supply of rice will gradually fall short as the population increases. There is, as the report, no prospect of any great increase in the production of rice sufficient to meet the increasing demand in Japan, and it is therefore necessary to look to the Colonies, Formosa and Korea, for a supply to make good the deficit. The dislike of the Japanese to eat foreign-grown rice is also a factor in the situation.

LOCAL SPORT.

CRIKET.

MR. PEARCE'S XI. v. CAPT. CLAPHAM'S XI. This match was played on the Hongkong Cricket Club ground on Saturday. Scores:

	Total	W.
CAPT. CLAPHAM'S XI.	141	9
Capt. Crawford, b Saunders, b Bird	31	10
E. G. Annahelm, o b Bird	10	3
Major Kirke, b Bird	13	3
Capt. Clapham, o Saunders, b Pearce	13	13
Capt. Bowen, o Mass, b Bird	23	23
Capt. Addison, b Bird	23	23
H. G. Bagnall, o Hutchinson, b Bird	27	1
Dr. Driver, b Bird	27	1
Commdr. Ward, o Donnelly, b Bird	27	1
R. S. Thompson, o Foster-Pegg, b Bird	14	0
Gr. Jones, not out	8	0
Extras	8	0

	Total	W.
BOWLING ANALYSIS.	141	9
O. M. B. W.	57	9
Fird	13.5	1
Donnelly	7	25
Pearce	3	20
Bowler	2	14
Foster-Pegg	1	17

	Total	W.
MR. PEARCE'S XI.	178	17
E. O. Hutchinson, o Crawford, b Annahelm	0	0
T. P. M. Pearce, o Bagnall, b Bowen	35	7
F. Watson, o Ward, b Annahelm	25	4
R. E. O. Bird, b Addison	25	5
M. Mass, o b Bowen	17	5
A. R. Sutherland, o Annahelm, b Bowen	17	5
E. A. Fowler, o Crawford, b Bowen	15	1
Dr. Atkinson, Bagnall, b Ward	15	1
R. S. Thompson, o Foster-Pegg, b Bowen	15	1
H. J. Saunders, not out	0	0
D. E. Donnelly, not out	0	0
Extras	6	0

	Total	W.
BOWLING ANALYSIS.	178	17
O. M. B. W.	45	2
Annahelm	11	45
Ward	7	46
Addison	6	23
Bowen	5	31
Jones	3	22

	Total	W.
KOWLOON CO. COMMITTEE v. THE REST.	116	116
THE REST.	116	116
CAPT. WEAVER, o b WEASER	0	0
W. WATERHOUSE, not out	53	17
W. T. ELTON, o JEFFRIES, b WEASER	17	17
A. R. F. HESLIN, o MACKENZIE, b BLACKBURN	13	13
P. ROBINSON, o CURWEN	13	13
G. WOLF, o BLACKBURN, b BROWN	1	1
C. BROWN, o GREEN, b BROWN	0	1
E. O. DAY, b CURWEN	1	1
E. BROTH, b BROWN	0	0
T. CHES, RETIRED	0	0
EXTRAS	13	13

	Total	W.
BOWLING ANALYSIS.	116	116
O. M. B. W.	26	2
W. CURWEN	12	28
A. O. BROWN	9.5	27
L. J. BLACKBURN	3	22

	Total	W.
P. R. WOLFF, o b BRIT. & CO.	11	11
P. SUTTON, o ROBINSON, b WATERHOUSE	14	14
A. O. BROWN, o ROBINSON	14	14
W. L. WEASER, b RETT	19	19
J. H. MEAD, b BRETT	19	19
D. J. MACKENZIE, b WATERHOUSE	6	6
W. CURWEN, b BRETT	0	0
L. J. BLACKBURN, o sub, b WATERHOUSE	0	0
C. W. JEFFRIES, b BRETT	0	0
G. H. MAY, o ROBINSON, b WATERHOUSE	4	4
S. E. GREEN, not out	3	3
EXTRAS	3	3

	Total	W.
BOWLING ANALYSIS.	66	66
O. M. B. W.	30	4
W. WATERHOUSE	11.4	1
L. E. BRETT	11	33

	Total	W.
MILITARY SPORTS.	116	116

	Total	W.
P. R. WOLFF, o b BRIT. & CO.	11	11
P. SUTTON, o ROBINSON, b WATERHOUSE	14	14
A. O. BROWN, o ROBINSON	14	14
W. L. WEASER, b RETT	19	19
J. H. MEAD, b BRETT	19	19
D. J. MACKENZIE, b WATERHOUSE	6	6
W. CURWEN, b BRETT	0	0
L. J. BLACKBURN, o sub, b WATERHOUSE	0	0
C. W. JEFFRIES, b BRETT	0	0
G. H. MAY, o ROBINSON, b WATERHOUSE	4	4
S. E. GREEN, not out	3	3
EXTRAS	3	3

	Total	W.
BOWLING ANALYSIS.	66	66
O. M. B. W.	26	

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H. D. STACPOLE, Lt.-Col., A.P.D., Treasury Chest Officer.

Hongkong, 6th January, 1912. [166]

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Hongkong, 8th January, 1912. [1]

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BENALWERS, British str., 1234, H. W. Bee,
6th Jan.—Singapore 29th Dec., General—
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CANON, Swedish str., 2,180, J. M. Rumtoon,
6th January.—Gothenburg 16th November,
General—
CARL DIEDERICHSEN, German str., 774, C.
Jurgenson, 6th Jan.—Haiphong and Ho
now 5th Jan., Rice—Jebson & Co.
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7th Jan.—Hoihong 5th January, General—
Jensen & Co.
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DETA, British str., 4,780, E. P. Martin, 6th
Jan.—Singers 31st December, Mails and
General—P. & O. S. N. Co.
FURURA MARU, Jap. str., 1,946, S. Kamawachi,
5th Jan.—Moji 30th Dec., Coal—Mitsui
Bishi Gashi Kaisha.
HATAN, British str., 1,182, J. S. Rose, 7th
Jan.—Swatow 6th Jan., General—Dugdale,
Lapnak & Co.
HAYTAN, British str., 1,306, J. W. Evans,
6th Jan.—Swatow 6th Jan., General—
Douglas, Lapnak & Co.
HANGSONG, British str., 6th Jan.—Canton.
HUCHOW, British str., 6th Jan.—Canton.
JAPAN, British str., 3,805, A. Stewart, 6th Jan.—
Singapore 30th Dec., General—
Sonnen & Co., Ltd.
KWANGLEE, Chinese str., 1,468, E. H. Pratt,
6th Jan.—Shanghai 3rd Jan., General—
C. M. S. N. Co.
MIKI MARU, Japanese str., 2,052, G. Tabuse,
6th Jan.—Singapore 29th Dec., General—
Nippon Yusen Kaisha.
PATNAH, British str., 2,135, A. E. Chaplin, 5th
January—Singapore 29th Dec., General—
Dowell & Co.
PESSOZ, British str., 4,299, D. Robinson,
7th Jan.—Shanghai 4th Jan., General—
Butterfield & Swire.
SHINKANG, British str., 6th Jan.—Canton.
SIAM, Danish str., 2,400, O. Kindsen, 7th Jan.—
Singapore 27th Dec., General—Melchior
& Co.
SOSHU MARU, Japanese str., 1,119, K. Sugita,
6th Jan.—Amoy via Swatow.
SUNGKANG, British str., 957, H. Mathias, 6th
Jan.—Haiphong via Hoihong 6th January,
Rice—Butterfield & Swire.
TAOTOU, French str., 615, Grillon, 6th Jan.—
Port Wallich, Coal—Order.
TESSA MARU, Japanese str., 3,610, T. Satow,
6th January—Bombay and Singapore 28th
Dec., General—Nippon Yusen Kaisha.
WAISHING, British str., 6th Jan.—Canton.

DEPARTURES

ASAHI MARU, Japanese str., for Dairen.
DEVANIA, British str., for Europe, to
HONGKONG, French str., for Pakho.
KAIFUKU MARU, Japanese str., for Moji.
LASBANG, British str., for Singapore.
PROMETHEUS, British str., for Singapore.
SHIBOTORO MARU, Japanese str., for Moji.
TAISHUN, Chinese str., for Shanghai.
WINGSANG, British str., for Manila.
6th January.
ANHUI, British str., for Shanghai.
CANADA MARU, Japanese str., for Hongkong.
DAIJIN MARU, Japanese str., for Swatow.
HAIYANG, British str., for Swatow.
JORGANEE, German str., for Canton.
MIKIKI MARU, Japanese str., for Shanghai.
PATNAH, British str., for Shanghai.
SOSHU MARU, Japanese str., for Canton.
TAOTOU, French str., for Chinkiang.
TIJALCORA, Dutch str., for Batavia.

SHIPPING REPORT.

The British str. Japan reports: Strong N.E.
monsoon.
The British str. Siam reports: Moderate
strong monsoon.
The British str. Hainan reports: Fresh
breeze and sea sky overcast.
The Chinese str. Kwangtung reports: Moderate
wind and sea fine and clear weather.
The British str. Delta reports: Fresh
monsoon throughout, a whole gale for 24 hours
from Pulo Lepit, with high W.N.E. sea. On the
4th January at 10.30 A.M. passed steamer Japan
bound to Hongkong wishing to be reported
"all well."

PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

Per *Heaton*, from Swatow, Mr. Pearman and
Mr. Gardner.
Per *Lella* for Hongkong from Bombay, Capt.
Rivers and Mrs. Trussell; from London, Mr. and
Mrs. Petby, Miss Martindale, Mr. L. Bray, Mr.
L. Armitage and Mr. H. Ulme; for Shanghai, Mr.
D. Burlingam, Capt. Amis, Miss Hatch and
Miss Smeddy; for Yokohama, Mr. M. Austin;
from Marseilles for Hongkong, Mr. Rees Davies,
Mr. A. Ditty and Mr. and Mrs. Walker; for
Shanghai, Mr. Chr. Bain; for Yokohama, Mr.
J. Ferry and Mr. D. Blundell; from Port Said,
Dr. Morris; from Penang, Miss A. S. Carr;
from Colombo for Hongkong, Mr. and Mrs.
Chambers and Mrs. and Miss Scott; for Yoko-
hama, Mrs. Clapham and 2 infants from Singapore
for Hongkong, Mrs. Cook and 2 children, Miss
Harmon, Miss Derrick, Mr. Jas. Page, Mr. N. S.
Schles; for Shanghai, Mr. R. D. Pringle and
Mr. J. Woods; for Yokohama, Mr. J. F. Younger
and Mr. J. H. Keir; from Marseilles, Mrs.
Peters and Mr. Petby.
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Per *Persia*, for San Francisco and way ports,
Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Weaver, Mr. C. R. Logue,
Mrs. E. R. Marrett and son, Mrs. S. L. Adams,
Mr. S. F. Denby, Mr. L. Seitz, Mr. and Mrs.
L. V. Youngworth, Mr. Geo. M. Lock, Mrs. A.
Carter, Mr. G. L. Yostman, Mrs. E. Thompson,
Mr. and Mrs. M. Everett, Miss Marshall,
Mr. L. de Fries, Mr. J. W. Bolles, Mr. W. Berg,
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EXPECTED.

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SECTIONS.

1. From Green Island to the Harbour Master's 2. From Harbour Master's to Blake Pier 3. From Blake Pier to Naval Yard. 4. From Naval Yard to East Point.

DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAME	FLAG & BIG	BERTH	CAP. AIR.	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DISPATCHED
LONDON, ROTTERDAM & ANTWERP	BEDFORDSHIRE	Brit. str.	—	R. A. Peters	JARDINE, MATHERSON & CO., LTD.	On 10th inst.
LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	DELTA	Brit. str.	—	E. P. Martin, E.N.R.	P. & O. S. N. CO.	About 10th inst.
ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG & ANTWERP, &c.	SPERZA	Ger. str.	l. w.	Franz	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 29th Feb.
HAVER, ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG & ANTWERP, &c.	BRASILIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Masse	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 11th inst.
ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG & ANTWERP, &c.	DORTMUND	Ger. str.	k. w.	Bolt	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 13th inst.
HAVER, ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG, &c.	SAMBIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Borch	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 4th Feb.
HAVER, HAMBURG & ANTWERP, &c.	SILESIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Roues	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 10th Feb.
HAVER, REEMEN & HAMBURG, &c.	IYO MARU	Jan. str.	k. w.	Ernst	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 21st Feb.
MARSEILLE, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	SEGOVIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	R. Takeda	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 17th inst. at D'light.
MARSEILLE, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	HIRANO MARU	Jan. str.	k. w.	Dainat	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 28th inst.
MARSEILLE, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	SATOMIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	H. Frazer	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 31st inst. at D'light.
MARSEILLE, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	CANADA MARU	Jan. str.	k. w.	Stehr	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 14th Feb.
MARSEILLE, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	TACOMA MARU	Jan. str.	k. w.	OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	To-morrow at 11 A.M.	
MARSEILLE, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	AWA MARU	Jan. str.	k. w.	OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	On 24th inst. at 11 A.M.	
MARSEILLE, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	PRINZ LUDWIG	Jan. str.	k. w.	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 30th inst. at Noon.	
MARSEILLE, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	PERSIA	Ans. str.	k. w.	MELCHERS & CO.	On 10th inst. at Noon.	
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The Prinz Ludwig, with the Siberian Mail, is due to arrive here on Saturday, the 11th inst.

FOR P.M. DATE

Macao	Sui Tai	Monday, 8th, 1.15 P.M.
Swatow and Shanghai	Hangang	Monday, 8th, 5.00 P.M.
Haiphong	Capt. Diederichsen	Tuesday, 9th, 8.00 A.M.
(Taking Mails for Pakhoi)		
Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria and Tacoma	Canada Maru	Tuesday, 9th, 9.00 A.M.
Swatow	Haitun	Tuesday, 9th, 10.00 A.M.
Takao and Anping	Tiguan	Tuesday, 9th, 11.00 A.M.
Shanghai, Kobe and Moji	Japan	Tuesday, 9th, NOON
Macao	Sui Tsu	Tuesday, 9th, 1.15 P.M.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Yatshing	Tuesday, 9th, 2.00 P.M.
Taiwan, Weihaiwei and Choofoo	Kiukang	Tuesday, 9th, 3.00 P.M.
Manila, Cebu and Illoilo	Kaifong	Tuesday, 9th, 3.00 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Shanghai	Changchow	Tuesday, 9th, 3.00 P.M.
Manila, Cebu, Illoilo, Timor, Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart, Launceston, New Zealand, Dunedin, Melbourne, Adelaid, Perth and Fremantle	Empire	Wednesday, 10th, 10.00 A.M.
EUROPE & CO., INDIA VIA TUTICORIN (Late Letters 11.00 A.M. to 11.30 A.M.) Extra Postage 10 cents.		
(Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.)		
Manila, Mangarin, Illoilo and Cebu	Zafiro	Wednesday, 10th, 11.00 A.M.
Halifox	Sungtien	Saturday, 10th, 3.00 P.M.
(Taking Mails for Pakhoi)	Haiching	Thursday, 11th, 9.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Chenan	Thursday, 11th, 10.00 A.M.
Shanghai	Arratoon Apac	Friday, 12th, 3.00 P.M.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta		
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KORE, YOKOHAMA, HONOLULU AND SAN FRANCISCO SIBERIAN MAIL TO EUROPE	Korea	
Singapore, Penang and Bombay	Capri	Saturday, 13th, 11.00 A.M.
Manila	Xuenteang	Saturday, 13th, 1.00 P.M.
(Taking Mails for Cebu and Illoilo)	Tjiliwong	Saturday, 13th, 1.00 P.M.
Shanghai	Linan	Saturday, 13th, 5.00 P.M.
SIBERIAN MAIL TO EUROPE	Haitan	Registration 5.00 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Tjiladas	Sunday, 14th, 9.00 A.M.
Batavia, Cheribon, Samarang and Sourabaya		
EUROPE, & CO., INDIA VIA TUTICORIN (Late Letters 11.00 to Noon)	Caledonia	Tuesday, 16th, 10.00 A.M.
Extra Postage 10 cents.		
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Singapore, Poitang and Colombo	Iyo Maru	Letters 11.00 A.M.
Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama	Yasaka Maru	Tuesday, 16th, 5.00 P.M.
Shanghai, Kobe and Moji	Namaseo	Wednesday, 17th, 11.00 A.M.
Manila, Cebu, Dolo, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart, Launceston, New Zealand, Dunedin, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth and Fremantle	Kusano Maru	Friday, 19th, 11.00 A.M.

COMMERCIAL.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

January 6th

ON LONDON—	Telegraphic Transfer	1/103
	Bank Bills, on demand	1/107
	Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight	1/104
	Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight	1/105
	Credits, at 4 months' sight	1/105
	Documentary Bills 4 months' sight	1/11
ON PARIS—		
	Bank Bills, on demand	235
	Credits, at 4 months' sight	240
ON GERMANY—		
	On Demand	1912
ON NEW YORK—		
	Bank Bills, on demand	45
	Credits, at 60 days' sight	46
ON BOMBAY—		
	Telegraphic Transfer	139
	Bank, on demand	139
ON CALCUTTA—		
	Telegraphic Transfer	139
	Bank, on demand	139
ON SHANGHAI—		
	Bank, at sight	74
	Private 30 days' sight	75
ON TOKIO—		
	On demand	91
ON MANILA—		
	On demand	91
ON SINGAPORE—		
	On demand	79
ON BATANIA—		
	On demand	112
ON HAIPHONG—		
	On demand	4 1/2 P.M.
ON SAIGON—		
	On demand	81
SOVEREIGN, Bank's Buying Rate		\$10.65
GOLD LEAF, 100 fine, per tael		\$56.10
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Hongkong ... 20 " "	\$5.14 "
Hongkong ... 10 " "	\$5.35 "

SHARE LIST—QUOTATIONS. HONGKONG, JANUARY 6th, 1912.

STOCKS.	NO. OF SHARES.	VALUE.	PAID UP.	CLOSING QUOTATIONS CASH.
BANKS—				
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Corporation	120,000	\$125	all	\$880, buyers London £283
China Borneo Company, Limited	60,000	\$12	all	\$104, sales
China Light and Power Company, Limited	50,000	\$5	all	\$120, buyers
China Provident, Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd.	200,000	\$10	all	\$84
COTTON MILLS—				
Ewo Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.	20,000	1/16. 50	all	Tls. 83
Hongkong Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	125,000	\$10	all	\$42, sales
International Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	10,000	1/16. 75	all	Tls. 51
Lion-Kung-Mow C. Spin & Weav. Co., Ltd.	8,000	1/16. 100	all	Tls. 65
Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Co., Limited	20,000	1/16. 50	all	Tls. 23
Dairy Farm Company, Limited	40,000	\$72	all	\$201
DOCKS AND WHARVES—				
Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & G. Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$50	all	\$55, buyers
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$50	all	\$46, buyers
New Amyo Dock Co., Limited	10,000	\$63	all	58, buyers
Shanghai Dock and Engineering Co., Ltd.	55,700	Tls. 100	all	Tls. 57
Shanghai and Hongkong Wharf Co., Ltd.	36,000	Tls. 100	all	Tls. 89
Green Island Cement Co., Limited	400,000	\$10	all	\$3.70, sales
Hongkong and China Gas Co., Limited	7,000	\$10	all	\$2.0
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	60,000	\$10	all	\$21, sales
Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited	12,000	\$50	all	\$119
Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited	8,000	Pa. 10	all	P29, sellers
Manila Metropole Hotel Limited	50,000	\$25	all	\$215, sales
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	60,000	\$10	all	\$18
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Limited	15,000	\$10	all	\$5, sellers
Hongkong & South China Steam Fisheries Co., Ltd.				
INSURANCES—				
Canton Insurance Office Co., Limited	10,000	\$250	all	\$51, buyers
China Fire Insurance Co., Limited	20,000	\$100	all	\$22, buyers
China Traders Insurance Co., Limited	24,000	\$83.33	all	\$22, buyers
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited	8,000	\$20	all	\$45, buyers
North-China Insurance Co., Limited	10,000	\$10	all	\$145
Union Insurance Society, Limited	12,000	\$100	all	\$850, sales
Yangtze Insurance Association, Limited	12,000	\$100	all	\$212, (2 Ex 73)
LANDS AND BUILDINGS—				
Hongkong Land Invest. Agency Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$100	all	\$102, buyers
Humphreys Estate and Finance Co., Ltd.	6,000	\$50	all	\$63, buyers
Kowloon Land and Building Co., Ltd.	75,000	Tls. 50	all	\$50, buyers
Shanghai Land Investment Co., Limited	12,500	\$50	all	\$49, buyers
West Point Building Co., Limited	25,000	Gds. 10	all	Tls. 75/79, sales
MATSHAW & CO.—				
Landsbouw exploitatie in Langkat ...				
MINING—				
Societe Francaise des Charbons du Tonkin	16,000	Frs. 250	all	f695
Raub Australias Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	200,000	£21	all	14, sales
Peak Tramways Co., Limited	25,000	\$10	all	\$111
Philippine Co., Limited	50,000	\$10	all	\$5, buyers
REFINERIES—				
China Sugar Refining Co., Limited	20,000	\$100	all	\$105, buyers
Lason Sugar Refining Co., Limited	7,000	\$100	all	\$34
STRAMSHIP COMPANIES—				
China and Manila Steamship Co., Ltd.	30,000	\$25	all	\$10, buyers
Douglas Steamship Co. S. B. Co., Ltd.	20,000			